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Third session
New York, 16-27 January 1995
Item 1 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Organization of work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. Objectives:

(a) The Committee is expected to negotiate and reach an agreement on the draft declaration and the draft programme of action;

(b) The Committee is also expected to reach agreement on item 5 (Provisional agenda and organization of work of the World Summit for Social Development);

2. Main elements of the proposed organization of work:

(a) The Committee has facilities for holding, simultaneously, three full meetings with interpretation;

(b) It is proposed to have a Plenary and two Working Groups - Working Group I and Working Group II;

(c) The two Working Groups would meet concurrently, while the Plenary would normally meet separately;

(d) The Plenary would review and approve the work of the two Working Groups and consider directly item 1 (Adoption of the agenda and other

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organizational matters), item 2 (Accreditation of non-governmental organizations), item 3 (Status of the preparations for the World Summit), item 5 (Provisional agenda and organization of work of the World Summit) and item 6 (Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee);

(e) The two Working Groups would deal with item 4 (Outcome of the World Summit). The Plenary would convert itself into Working Group I to consider the draft declaration and chapter 5 of the draft programme of action. Working Group II would consider chapters 1-4 of the draft programme of action;

(f) The two Working Groups would be expected to undertake concrete work, including drafting, and to complete a first reading of the draft declaration and the draft programme of action by Thursday night, 19 January. They will then report to the Plenary on the results of their work by Friday afternoon, 20 January. The purpose of this first reading will be to reach agreement on as many sections/paragraphs as possible and to identify the sections/paragraphs where further negotiation is required. All agreements will be ad referendum, until the conclusion of the work of this session of the Committee;

(g) The two Working Groups will organize their work in the light of the issues to be resolved. They may, in particular, meet informally as often as desirable;

(h) There would be meetings on Saturday, and evening and night meetings as often as necessary, starting on Tuesday, 17 January;

(i) The method of work of the Preparatory Committee, on Saturday, 21 January, and during the second week, will be determined in the light of the results of the first reading mentioned above. It can be expected, however, that the two Working Groups will continue negotiations on various aspects of the draft outcome of the Summit.

ANNEX

Proposed organization of work

Week of 16-20 January

Monday, 16 January 1995

Morning

Plenary

Opening of the session

Item 1 — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (A/CONF.166/PC/24)

Item 2 — Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2 of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.166/PC/11/Add.2 and 3)

Items 3 and 4 — Status of preparations for the World Summit for Social Development: Trust Fund; public information programme (A/CONF.166/PC/25)

Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft declaration and draft programme of action (A/CONF.166/PC/L.22)

Brief introduction

Working Group I

Item 4 — Draft declaration and chapter 5 of the draft programme of action

Working Group II

Item 4 — Chapters 1-4 of the draft programme of action

Afternoon

Working Group I

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion

Working Group II

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion

Tuesday, 17 January

Morning and afternoon

Working Group I

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion

Working Group II

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion

Wednesday, 18 January

Morning

Working Group I

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion

Working Group II

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion

Afternoon — Plenary

Item 5 — Discussion of the provisional agenda and organization of work of the World Summit

Thursday, 19 January

Morning and afternoon

Working Group I

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion

Working Group II

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion

Friday, 20 January

Morning

Working Group I

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion of the draft declaration and chapter 5 of the draft programme of action

Working Group II

Item 4 — Continuation of discussion of chapters 1-4 of the draft programme of action

Afternoon — Plenary

Item 4 — Reporting by Working Group I and Working Group II on the results of their first reading of the draft declaration and the draft programme of action

Saturday, 21 January

Morning and afternoon — Open for work of Plenary or Working Group(s), in the light of the results of the first week of work

Week of 23-27 January

From Monday, 23 January, to Thursday, 26 January, noon, the Preparatory Committee will meet in Plenary and/or Working Group(s), as required, on item 4.

Thursday, 26 January

Afternoon — Plenary

Item 4 — Status of elaboration of draft declaration and draft programme of action

Item 5 — Provisional agenda and organization of work for the World Summit for Social Development

Friday, 27 January

Morning and afternoon — Plenary

Item 6 — Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

Closure of the session